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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY OSLO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, ET

SUBJECT: MOSVOLD CO. (ETHIOPIA)

REFS: (A) OSLO 4478; (B) ADDIS ABABA 10051; (C) STATE  
214825; (D) OSLO 4106

1. FOR ADDIS ABABA: ON OCTOBER 6 THE INTERAGENCY EXPRO-  
PRIATION GROUP DECIDED TO REQUEST EMBASSY ADDIS TO MAKE A  
RENEWED DEMARCHE TO THE EPMG ALONG THE LINES OF REF C, PAR-  
TICULARLY AS THIS RELATES TO OBTAINING INFORMATION ON EPMG  
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INTENTIONS CONCERNING THE MOSVOLD PROPERTIES AND THE BASIS

IN ETHIOPIAN LAW FOR THE ACTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN (REF C, PARAS. 1C AND 1F). EMBASSY ADDIS SHOULD SEEK TO DO SO AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. IN DOING SO, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD AVOID REFERRING TO MOSVOLD AS A MAJORITY AMERICAN-OWNED COMPANY, OR AS ONE TO WHICH U.S. LEGISLATION BEARING ON EXPROPRIATION (PARA. 1E REF C) NECESSARILY WOULD APPLY. DESPITE THE INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED RELATING TO MOSVOLD OWNERSHIP (REFS A,B,D), WE HAVE NOT YET FINALLY DETERMINED WHETHER THE COMPANY IS MAJORITY AMERICAN-OWNED FOR THESE PURPOSES. MOSVOLD SHOULD THEREFORE BE PRESENTED TO THE EPMG AT THIS POINT MERELY AS A CASE IN WHICH THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT AMERICAN INTEREST.

2. FOR OSLO AND NAIROBI: PLEASE INFORM THE GON AND THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN NAIROBI, RESPECTIVELY, OF HOW WE INITIALLY INTEND TO PROCEED, AND INDICATE THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY THE GON. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF THE TENETS OF GON EXPROPRIATION POLICY, AND OF PRELIMINARY GON VIEWS ON THIS CASE. EMBASSY OSLO, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE GON, SHOULD ALSO PASS SUBSTANCE OF THE FOREGOING TO INTERESTED MOSVOLD PARTIES IN NORWAY, AND SHOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION OF THEIR INTENTIONS IN THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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